

1 TIMOTHY – LEADERSHIP IN LOCAL CHURCH MINISTRY

From the “Glorious Gospel” to “Thankful in Ministry”

Review 1 Timothy 1:5-10. 2 doctrines.

1. _____ doctrine (vs 10)

2. _____ doctrine (vs 3)

Why another doctrine? Satan’s goal is for you to not know the Word of God. It is to confuse you and to get you to give up on learning God’s Word for yourself.

Satan knows that if you _____ the Word, you will _____ It!

Satan is a _____ from the _____! So why make him a _____ teller over your life?

Review: 1 Timothy 1:5-14 5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: 6 From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling; 7 Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm. 8 But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully; 9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, 10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

• **Vs 8-10: The law of God shows the sinner his need of God’s _____! Gal 3:24**

• **Vs 11 is KEY: “The glorious gospel of the blessed God.” Acts 13:37-40**

Homework: see also the following X-refs: Acts 20:24; 2 Cor 4:3-4; 2:12; 1 Cor 15:1; Rom 1:1,16; Eph 1:13; 6:15; 2 Tim 2:8; 1 Tess 1:7-8; 2 Thess 2:13-14; Gal 2:7

Blessed = “_____” “the glorious gospel of the “happy” God”

Why is God happy? Because God has seen His wrath over our sin _____ thru the _____ of Christ’s _____! Now we are with Him.

Vs 11 says this good news of the “glorious gospel” was committed to Paul’s trust.

Paul turned the world on its ear for God. Acts 19:26; 17:6; 2 Cor 5:17-21

Paul was thankful to be part of some greater purpose in this life. Greater than anything this world, his religion, or his own plans could offer.

I. Vs 12: Paul’s Present _____.

- Paul wasn’t able – see vs 13.
- Paul wasn’t faithful – see vs 13.
- Paul missed the ministry of God – see vs 13!

Paul realized that he did not deserve so great a station in life...but God did something supernatural, beyond anything that he could even fathom, and made him part of his plan.

Enabled for Ministry. Counted Faithful. Made to Minister!



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II. Vs 13: Paul's _____ Misery.

- **Acts 7:54-60** Saul oversaw the butchering of the first martyr for Christ. He gave approval to the attack on Christ's bride.
- **Acts 9:1-20** God overturned Saul's agenda with His own. Vs 15

- **Look at the example of _____.**
Joshua 24:2 - he was an idolater. He wasn't qualified to be used of God as a point of blessing to the whole earth. Yet God...

Gen 15:1-6... "And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness."

God pitched the plan – Abe bought into it. AND, God counted it to him for righteousness.

God does not read resumes looking for partners in the plan.

None of us are qualified for the high honor of ministry. God looks for those who are willing to take the leap with him in the mission.

Rom 4:1-8; James 2:23

Like Paul, God has called you. You are put in ministry. You have a charge, a commission given by God alone. 2 Cor 5:17-21; 6:1

Did Paul deserve the honor of God's call? Vs 13, "Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious:" Do you count past sin as disqualification for ministry?

Like Paul, God saved you from your sin. Rom 5:8 So also, God's requirement for your ministry involvement is His grace.

You have but to submit to His terms for salvation. You must _____ to the _____. It is Christ Jesus who enables you for ministry. Ministry is not something that you "work up to" it is obediently submitting to God's will in your life – letting Him enable you for the work of the ministry.

Put into Ministry: Paul is the prototype! (vs 16) **Rom 12:3**

God wants to put you into the business of taking the Word from Midtown to the world.

We are not worthy in ourselves to be part of God's plan, but...

- (vs 13) "but I obtained mercy"
- (vs 14) "And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus." 2 Cor 5:14; 1 Cor 15:10

God's love CONSTRAINS you: to compress, arrest, to compel.

We have a reason to be thankful. Christ Jesus, our Lord, took us when we were unworthy, and through His mercy and grace, He counted us faithful ministers, and put us in the ministry.



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